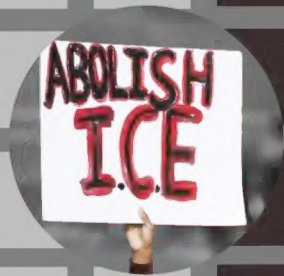


ALL ABOUT THE

# DHS



An activity book

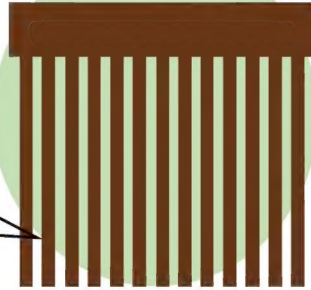
# Welcome

This activity book is intended to give you a glimpse into the world of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). You're going to learn all about their history and human rights violations through fun activities!



Hi, I'm noted shoe target and former President George W. Bush. I created the Department of Homeland Security as the creeping militarization of our society. You're welcome!

I'm the border wall! I'm a humanitarian and environmental nightmare! Liberals protested when Trump was building me, but now they want to finish me, so that's fine and cool.



I'm Helen! I'm five years old! When I came to the US from Honduras with my grandmother I was taken from her and lost in the system. While separated, a DHS official got me, a child, to sign away my right to an immigration hearing.

I'm Michael "Brownie" Brown, head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). I had no experience in disaster aid whatsoever!



# The Department of Homeland Security

DHS is an unseen part of most Americans' lives. But despite its ubiquity it is a very recent creation, younger than the Lord of the Rings: the Fellowship of the Ring movie, USB drives, Chappell Roan, the band My Chemical Romance, the Toyota Prius, and you if your first political memory was Obama's election in 2008.

Immediately following the attacks on September 11, 2001, President George W. Bush created the Office of Homeland Security to develop a national strategy to protect the nation from future terrorist threats.

One year later, the Office was reorganized into the Department of Homeland Security, newly the third-largest cabinet department. This was the most substantial restructure of the government in decades. The post-9/11 wave of patriotism, military funding, and xenophobia gave the Department wide authority and resources to do whatever it wanted, and claim it was in the interest of national security. This gave rise to a culture of militarism and lack of transparency that continues in DHS to this day.

While in recent years calls to eliminate specific parts of DHS like Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have gained traction, broader change is necessary. Freedom of movement and privacy are human rights, and the structure of DHS is fundamentally and inherently opposed to this.

So anyway, have fun with the activity book!

Some of the activities in this book get real bleak and mention things like sexual assault and child abuse. If you're not in a headspace where you want to read about that, these are marked in the top corner with a large red exclamation mark: **!**

## Did you know?

The Bush administration tried to make the DHS employees exempt from union protections.

# The Mystery of 9/11

The attacks on September 11th, 2001 came out of nowhere and were totally unexpected and stochastic. Only a conspiracy theorist would think otherwise.

Can you use red yarn (or a pencil) to put these events in order?

9.11.2001

9/11 happens

8.7.1998

Bin Laden escalates attacks, bombing US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

12.6.1993

*Independent* headline on Bin Laden "Anti-Soviet Warrior Puts His Army on the Road to Peace"

8.23.1996

Bin Laden issues a declaration of Jihad, calls for the Americans to be expelled from the Arabian Peninsula

8.2001

The FBI learns that Al Qaeda operatives entered the US the previous year, and enrolled in flight school.

1998

The State Department warns Saudi Arabia that Bin Laden may target civilian aircraft in the future.

1988

Osama Bin Laden founds Al Qaeda, recruiting heavily from the anti-Soviet Mujahideen

7.3.1979-1992

The CIA gives money and weapons to the anti-Soviet Mujahideen in Afghanistan

6.16.1998

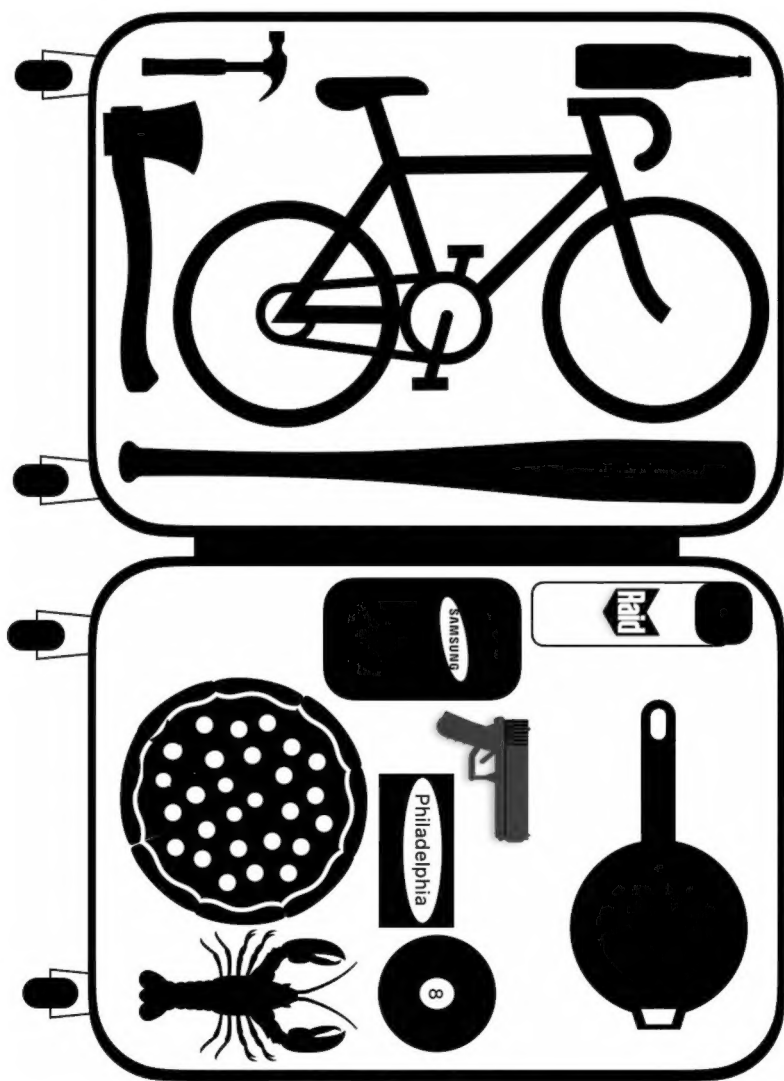
President's daily briefing: "Bin Laden determined to strike in US"



# If You See Something, Say Something

In 2001, the security state started to care a whole lot more about what Americans brought on planes. In November of that year, the Aviation Transportation and Security Act was signed, mandating the screening of checked bags, the reinforcement of airplane cockpit doors, and that you can't enjoy 3.5 ounces of liquid. By checking your bags, the TSA allegedly keeps us safer.

Can you find 10 contraband items in this suitcase? We'll see how you compare to a real TSA agent.



# Mix and Match

The TSA has rules and regulations of what you can bring on the plane, all created in response to a security threat. It feels like these have existed forever, but some are more recent than you might think.

Can you match the date to the event, and what restriction came as a consequence?

9/11/2001	General Xenophobia	No toner cartridges allowed
12/2001	The (attempted) Shoe Bomber	You can have 12 oz of hand sanitizer
7/2006	No plane terrorism for a while	Optional shoe removal
12/2009	The (attempted) Underwear Bomber	Luggage screening, reinforced cockpits
10/2010	COVID-19	Mandatory shoe removal, liquid ban
12/2011	9/11 happens	Full body scanners
3/2017	The explosive hidden in a soda cup	TSA PreCheck begins
3/2020	IED hidden in printer	Laptop ban from 8 Muslim majority nations

## Did you know?

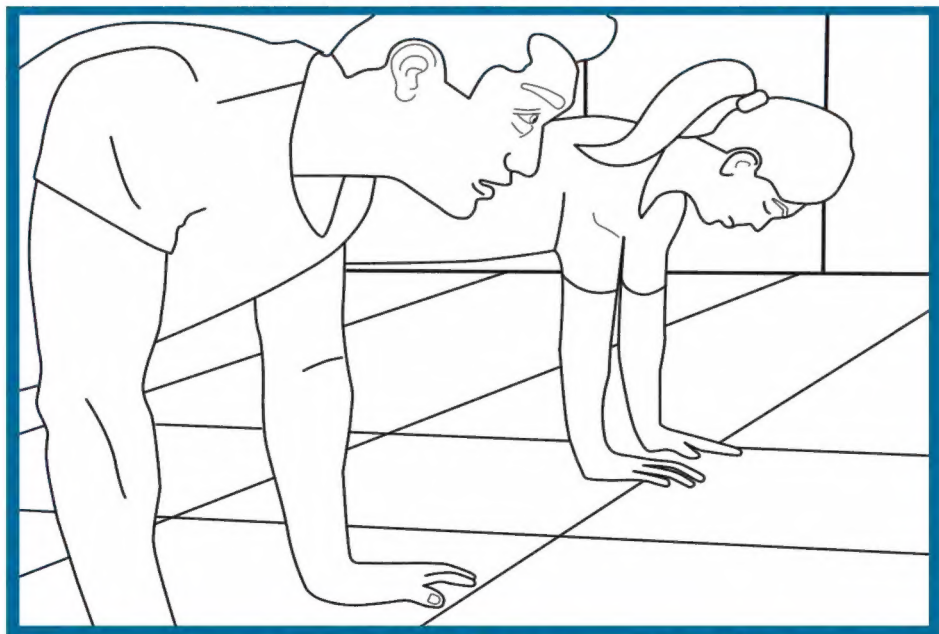
The TSA didn't actually do anything to prevent any of these incidents!

# Two Real Coloring Pages

In 2022, DHS created a coloring book intended for the children of employees. In it were a number of pages each showing the work of a different agency of the department. It is also laughably bad. Can you color in two of the pages?



United States Department of Homeland Security 4 U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)



United States Department of Homeland Security 11 Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC)

# Find the Missing Federal Aid

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) coordinates aid responses in disaster areas when a state of emergency is declared. It was created in 1979, but moved under DHS in 2001.

The first major test of FEMA under DHS was the response to Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Can you find the missing aid items donated for Hurricane Katrina victims? FEMA sure couldn't!

- **Doctors** (who FEMA officials told to mop instead of administer to patients)
- **Ice** (91,000 tons, sent as far away as Maine for storage instead of to New Orleans)
- **Water** (delayed or turned away by FEMA)
- **Diesel** (more than 1000 gallons donated by the coast guard, declined by FEMA)
- **Firefighters** (sent to Atlanta for several days of FEMA training on community relations and sexual harassment)
- **Trailers** (later found to have elevated levels of formaldehyde)
- **Gauze** (and other medical supplies) donated by the US's allies, mostly lost or refused.
- **Money** (declined by FEMA and directed towards charities, including one run by conservative ghoul Pat Robertson)
- **Train** (offered by Amtrak to evacuate citizens, declined)
- **Bodies** (of victims, left for more than a week as FEMA struggled to find a contractor to collect them)



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### Did you know?

FEMA spent \$12.5 million to store the ice for two years, before throwing it away.

# No Fly List: Mixups

The TSA enforces the No Fly List, a secretive list of names that prevents US citizens and residents from flying to or within the US. They also have other lists for people who are to be subject to additional screenings.

Can you guess who was supposed to be detained and who was given the extra searches despite being completely innocent?

**Asif Iqbal**

(tortured in Guantanamo Bay)

**Asif Iqbal**

(US permanent resident and software engineer)

**T Kennedy**

(Terror suspect)

**Edward Kennedy**

(US Senator)

**Lt. Col. Robert Johnson**

(Heart surgeon)

**Robert Johnson**

(tried to bomb a temple)

**James Robinson**

(Brigadier General)

**James Robinson**

(Asst. Attorney General)

**James Robinson**

(Californian 5 year old)

**Drew Griffin**

(Journalist investigating the No Fly List)

**Don Young**

(R-AK)

**Donald Lee Young**

(suspected criminal)

**Cat Stevens**

(Singer)

**Catherine "Cat" Stevens**

(Wife of Ted Stevens  
R-AK)

# Worthy of Trust and Confidence?



When the DHS was created, the Secret Service was moved into it. Originally tasked with tracking down counterfeiters, the main role of the Secret Service now is protecting the President. But the agency is not without its own controversies.

Which of the following did the Secret Service actually do?

2012  
Hire more than 20 sex workers while on the clock in Colombia

2022  
Delete text messages after they were requested by the committee investigating January 6th

1997  
Resist arrest after being accused of having sex with a minor

2001  
Steal more than \$3,000 in cash that was collected as evidence

2023  
Had more than seven employees who were members of the far right Oathkeepers

2015  
Leak the rejected application to join the Secret Service of a representative investigating Secret Service scandals

1963  
Kill President John F. Kennedy

## Did you know?

Lyndon Johnson once “allegedly” pissed on a secret service agent and said “That’s alright son, it’s my prerogative” or in other accounts “that’s executive privilege”

# Press Release

In 2018, DHS released a statement with a provocative title. Some readers noted that it bore particular similarities to the neo-Nazi slogan “fourteen words.”

The department dismissed this as a conspiracy theory. What similarities can you spot between the two statements?

DHS Press Release

## **We Must Secure The Border And Build The Wall To Make America Safe Again**

Neo-Nazi slogan

## **We Must Secure the Existence of Our People and A Future For White Children**

The press release also featured this heading, see if you can spot what's wrong with it:

*Walls Work. When it comes to stopping drugs and  
illegal aliens across our borders, border walls  
have proven to be extremely effective.*

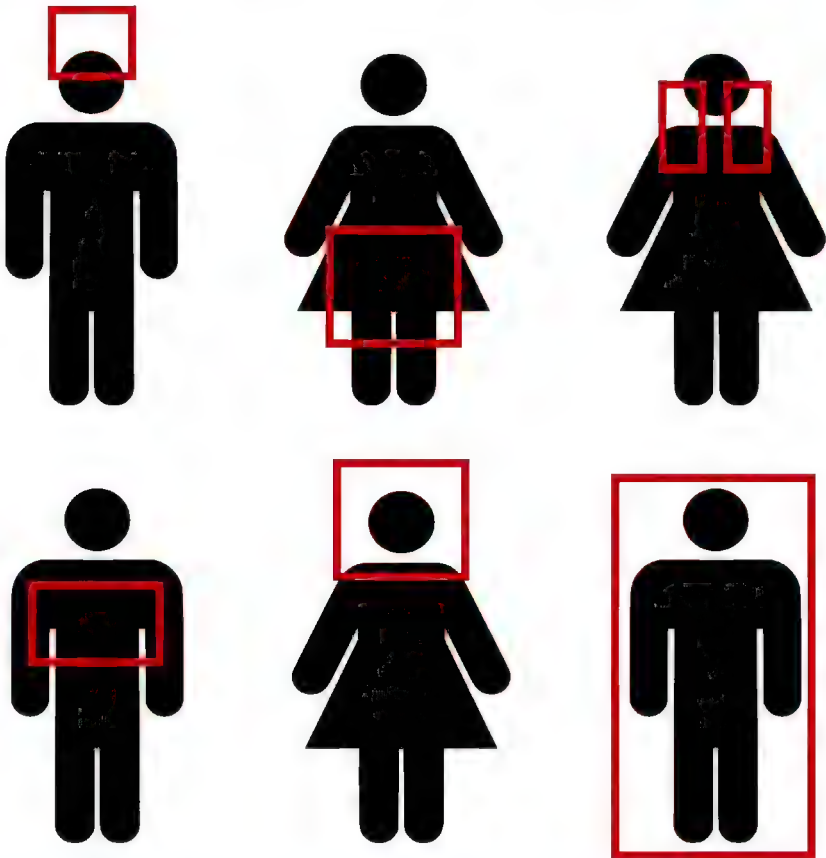
### **Did you know?**

More than 300 current and former DHS employees were revealed to be members of the far right militia group the Oathkeepers.

# The TSA

Beginning in 2007, the TSA began to use full body scanners to assess ~~which passengers they will grope~~ whether passengers may be concealing items. When a passenger enters the scanner, the TSA agent pushes a button assigning the passenger as male or female. If the scanner detects things it doesn't expect, the TSA agents require a pat down.

Below are scans with the TSA assigned genders, and the areas of anomaly. Can you guess what the anomalies detected are?



## Did you know?

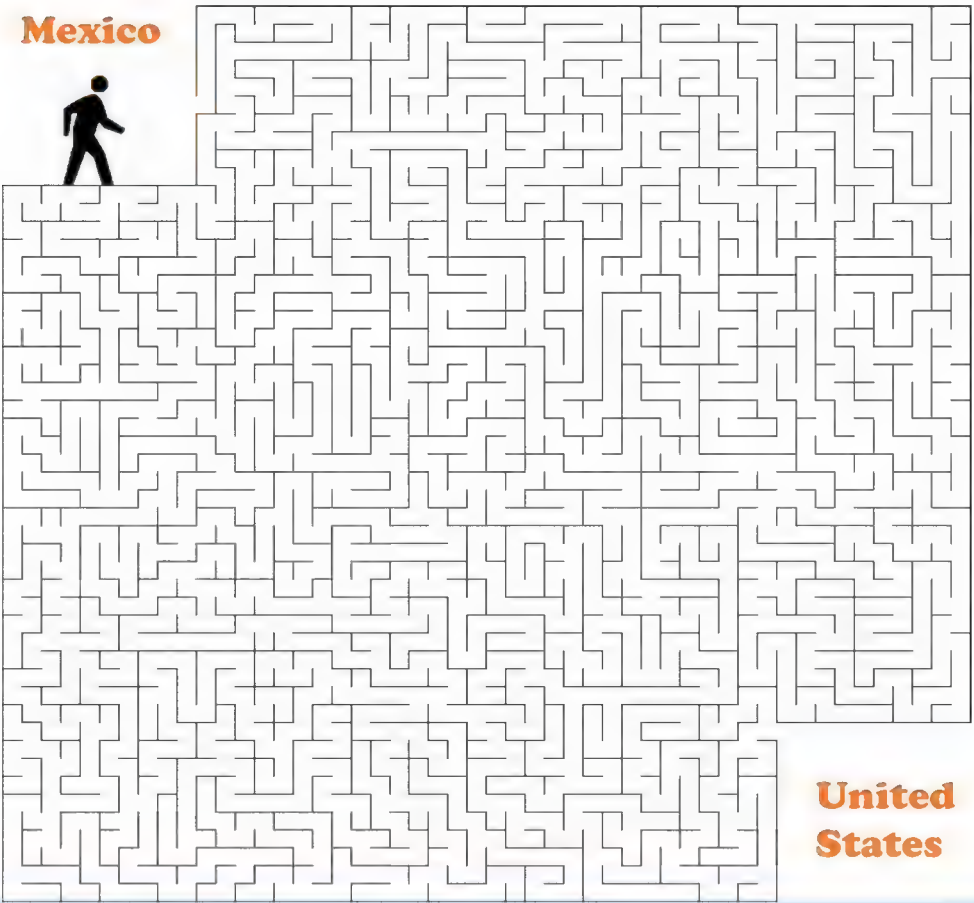
The use of the gender binary scanning system was widely reported to be phased out in 2022 or 2023. But actual results may vary.



# Fortify the Border

For most of the early 1900s, the entry point for many migrants along the southern border was El Paso, which shares the border with the Ciudad Juárez, Mexico. However, beginning in the late 1980s, increasing militarization along the urban border drove many migrants to instead attempt to cross the border in the Sonoran Desert, which is far more isolated and dangerous.

Can you help this man cross the border in what use to be a relatively safe 15 minute walk but is now an arduous weeklong trek through the Sonoran Desert?



**Did you know?**  
US Customs and Border Patrol killed more people in 2022 than were killed at the Berlin Wall during its 28 year existence.

# Operation Diligent Valor

Following the murder of George Floyd in 2020, protests sprang up in major cities across the United States, including Portland, Oregon. Armed DHS agents were deployed to the Portland protests to protect federal property including the Portland Courthouse below.

Can you color in the court house, and where do you think all the protestors are?



# ! Operation Fouled Anchor

During peacetime, the Coast Guard is also a part of DHS. You might think they just mess around with their boats doing nothing important, but they also worked to cover up a decades long pattern of sexual assault at the Coast Guard Academy.

Can you connect the rapists and the survivors to the consequences they faced?

Rapists

Forced to  
sign an NDA

Became a  
top Air Force  
officer

Resigned  
without  
punishment

Nothing!

Disciplined  
for "engaging  
in lewd acts"

Disciplined for  
"fraternization  
with another  
cadet"

Discretely  
pushed to  
retire

Chided for  
"displaying  
poor  
judgement"

Survivors

# ICE

US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is a branch of DHS concerned with cross border crime and undocumented immigration. Fill in the blanks below to learn some facts about ICE, then use the missing letters to figure out what should happen to it.

ICE is resist\_\_nt to oversight. \_\_etween 2010 and 2016, there were 33,000 complaints of sexual assault against DHS - m\_\_re than 40% were against ICE.

ICE frequently fai\_\_s to provide translators for languages other than Spanish. One review found that migrants from Guatemala who speak K'\_\_che' were made to \_\_ign away rights without being provided a translator.

As of July, 2024, t\_\_ere were 37,004 people detain\_\_d in ICE facilities. Nearly 60% have no criminal recor\_\_s, and most who do only have minor violations like parking.

For these reasons and more, ICE must be:

\_\_\_\_\_

## Did you know?

In 2015, ICE started the University of Farmington at Farmington Hills. Except instead of a school it was an entrapment scheme for international students. ICE arrested and deported more than 250 people legally in the US on F-1 student visas who were lured to the United States with the promise of education. ICE also refused to return the tuition money paid by hundreds of students for what was, again, a scam.

# The Constitution-Free Zone

US Customs and Border Patrol can operate with broad discretion to search private vehicles without a warrant within a “reasonable distance” of the border, which has come to be defined as a 100 mile buffer zone. Some might say this violates the fourth amendment, but others might say “shut up.”





Funnily enough almost two thirds of Americans live within 100 miles of the border. Can you color in the border zone?

And can you figure out which of the following cities are in the zone?

- |             |             |               |
|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Albuquerque | Houston     | New York City |
| Atlanta     | Los Angeles | Philadelphia  |
| Boston      | Miami       | Pittsburgh    |
| Chicago     | Nashville   | Seattle       |
| Detroit     | New Orleans | St. Paul      |



# The Wall

Until 2020, the border wall was a humanitarian crisis representative of the worst failings and hypocrisies of Donald Trump's administration. But now that the Democrats have continued its construction, it's suddenly a "necessary measure to protect our national security."

Can you draw a line along the border between the United States and Mexico, but without dividing the UNESCO biosphere area or infringing the sovereignty of the Tohono O'odham nation?

## United States



### Did you know?

The legal implications of building the border wall are among the least of its problems. Most pressing is the flagrant human rights abuses inherent in its creation.

# Kids in Cages



Below is a child attempting to come to the United States. Connect the dots to form a cage around that child. Think about this nation and its extravagant wealth. Now think about what this child had to go through to get here.

Under US law, this child can be held in your box for 72 hours at most, but many are held for weeks or months. The children's ages range from teenagers to infants. US support for right-wing dictators and the entrenchment of global capitalism has stripped this child of rights and opportunities, such that they have attempted to travel here.

In 2023, 139,810 children were detained at the border. That's more than the population of Waco, Texas or Dayton, Ohio. Think of the violence that maintains this current power structure. Think about who works to deprive this child of their freedom. Think about who supports this imprisonment. Is it anybody you know?

Reflect on how you are feeling, and what you are going to do about this.

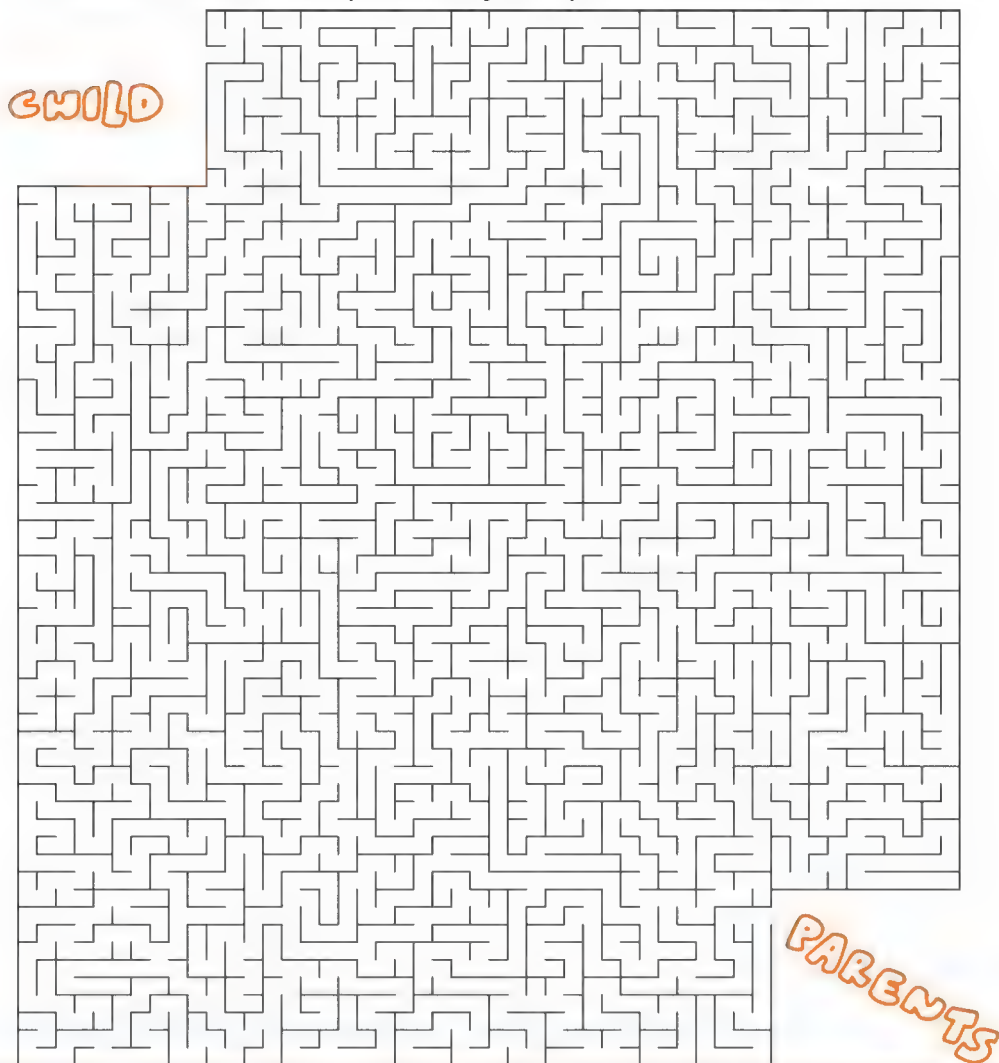


## Did you know?

To date, this was the most depressing of all the activity books to make.

# Family Separation

The DHS began to separate children from their families in 2017, before expanding the program in 2018. More than 5000 children were taken from their parents, with no system to track where the children went or who their parents were. Do the maze in red to represent the children separated under the Republican administration. Now do it in blue for the ones separated by complicit Democrats.



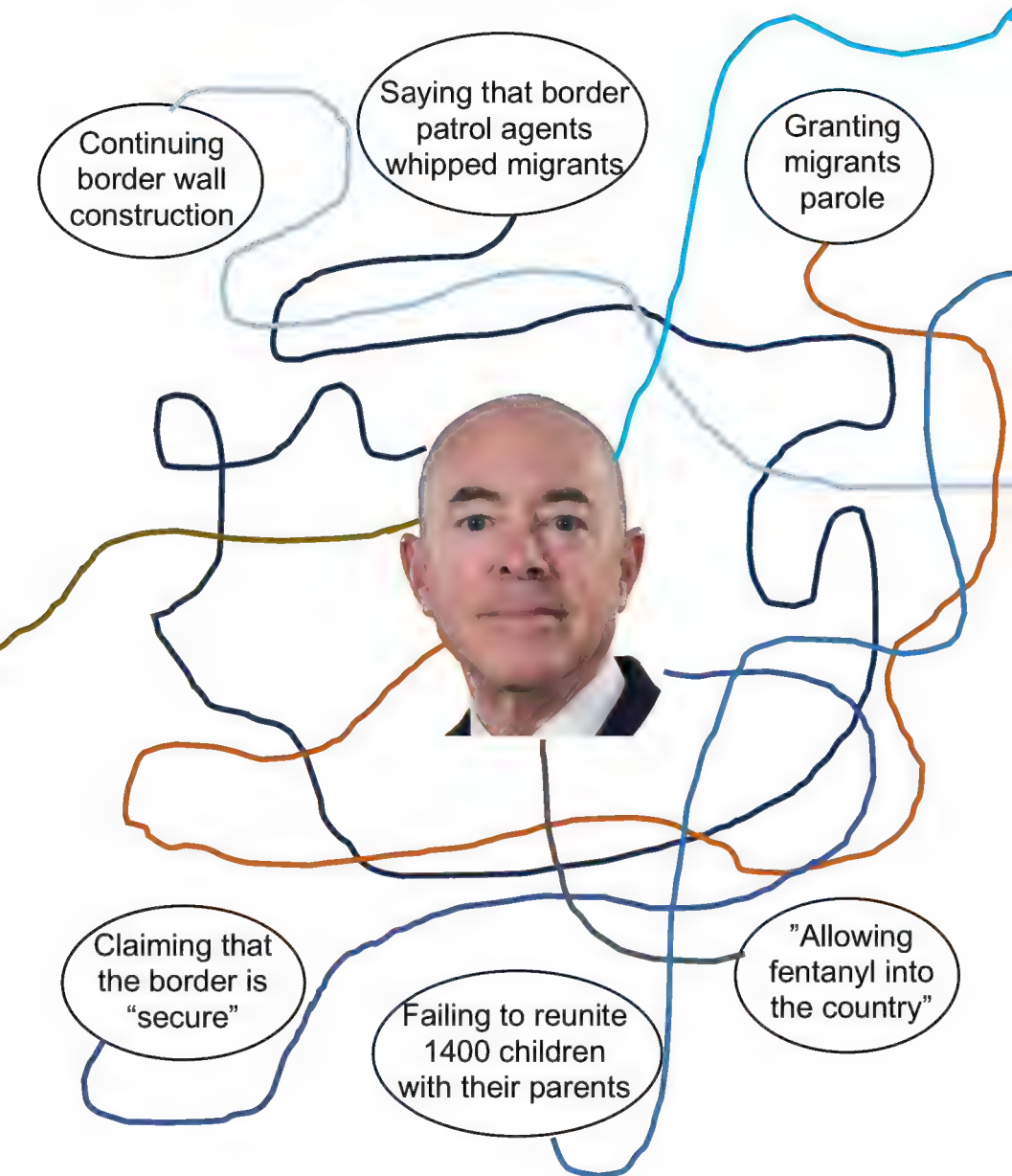
## Did you know?

There are still 1,400 children who were taken from their parents who have yet to be reunited. I didn't use photos of actual separated children or their parents because that felt weird.

# Web of Intrigue

On February 13, 2024 the House of Representative impeached DHS secretary Alejandro Mayorkas. But what do they think he did that was so bad that he had to go?

Below are things that Mayorkas did. Which was he impeached for? Unscramble the connections to find out!





# Find the Missing Federal Aid 2

FEMA has distribution warehouses where it stores disaster relief supplies, including water, meals, cots, tarps and roof sheeting. Normally the Caribbean Distribution Center in Puerto Rico would store thousands of tarps, meals, cots, and drinking water.

How many supplies do you think the warehouse had when Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico? Draw the supplies in this empty warehouse:



## Did you know?

Puerto Rico is a colony. The people who live there are US citizens but they have fewer rights than in the states. And that's not the only colony the US has!

# Spot the Difference

The President has wide authority to set priorities and guidelines in border enforcement. In March of 2020, the Trump administration began to use the COVID-19 pandemic as justification to exclude migrants, including asylum seekers. This was decried by liberals as illegal and inhumane. When Joe Biden was elected, he took a different tactic.

Can you spot the difference between the two justifications for deportation?

## Trump

By reason of existence of COVID-19 in Mexico and Canada, there is a serious danger of the further introduction of COVID-19 into the United States; that prohibition on the introduction of persons...from Mexico and Canada is required in the interest of public health. [Customs and Border Patrol] is prohibiting the entry of...persons who potentially pose a health risk...because they unlawfully entered the country to bypass health screening measures. To help prevent the introduction of COVID-19 into border facilities and into the United States, persons subject to the order will not be held in congregate areas for processing and instead will immediately be expelled to their country of last transit

## Biden

By reason of existence of COVID-19 in Mexico and Canada, there is a serious danger of the further introduction of COVID-19 into the United States; that prohibition on the introduction of persons...from Mexico and Canada is required in the interest of public health. [Customs and Border Patrol] is prohibiting the entry of...persons who potentially pose a health risk...because they unlawfully entered the country to bypass health screening measures. To help prevent the introduction of COVID-19 into border facilities and into the United States, persons subject to the order will not be held in congregate areas for processing and instead will immediately be expelled to their country of last transit

## Did you know?

This restriction, known as Title 42, ended when the pandemic "ended." You remember, May 11, 2023, the day there was no more Covid? Anyway, flip to the back to see what justification Joe Biden used after this one.

# Conclusion

The crimes of the Department of Homeland Security are literally too numerous to mention. And also some of them were too depressing to include in what is supposed to on some level be an enjoyable activity book.

DHS empowers itself by creating and perpetuating a fictitious state of emergency. The crisis never deescalates, only expands, and therefore the Department must continuously be given more power and authority.

The normalization of the Department is indicative of its success. Obviously both political parties are invested in maintaining it as a means of surveillance and control. To question its legitimacy would be to question the foundations of state power. However, there is currently not mass mobilization against the Department and under current conditions The Revolution is not exactly imminent. Therefore, the best thing we can reasonably hope for is scrutiny and oversight.

There is also some nuancing across the Department (I would argue that the nature of work of an ICE agent is ontologically evil and they are making an active choice to stay in that role, the average worker in the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is probably fine).

The public eye on the Department is the most active lever of power. The DHS will only be held to account to the extent that publicly accountable officials can be made to feel shame about its actions.

There are promising trends in mobilization. Abolish ICE went from a left fringe idea to a left fringe idea that some social democrats will pay lip service to.

At time of publishing, the Department of Homeland Security wouldn't be old enough to rent a car. It is a recent creation and we need to challenge its fundamental existence instead of taking it as an inevitability.

# Answer Key-

## The Mystery of 9/11

Both the FBI and CIA continue to maintain that they knew as little as possible about the plans of Bin Laden and the actions of the hijackers before 9/11.

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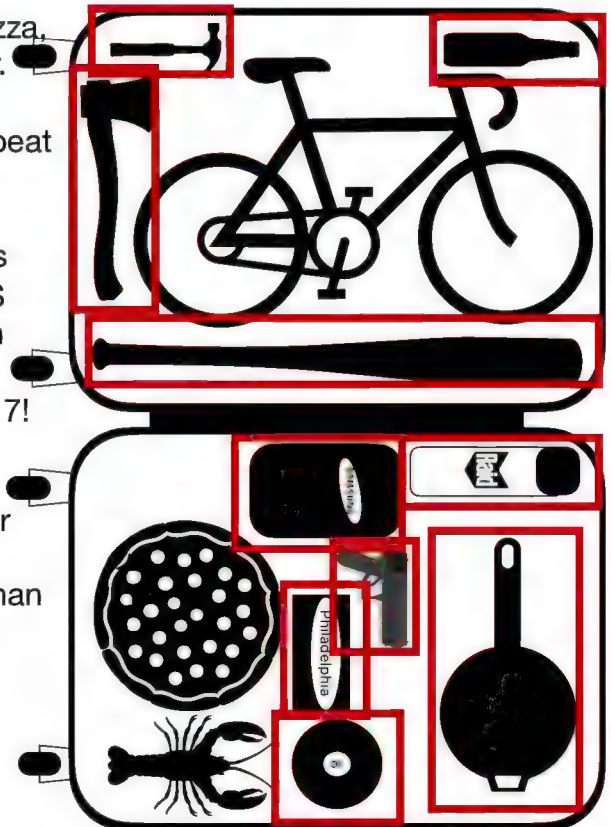
## If You See Something, Say Something

You can legally bring the pizza, the bike and the live lobster.

If you found one item, you beat the TSA in 2015 when they failed to find 95% of fake knives, guns and explosives that secret teams from DHS attempted to sneak through security. If you found three items, you beat them in 2017!

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## Mix and Match

Sept 2001	9/11	Luggage screening, reinforced Cockpits
Dec 2001	Shoe bomber	Optional shoe removal
Aug 2006	Soft drinks bomber	No shoes, no liquids
Dec 2009	Underwear bomber	Full body scans
Oct 2010	Printer IEDs	No toner
Dec 2011	No plane terrorism	TSA Precheck
March 2017	Xenophobia	Laptop Ban
March 2020	Covid	Hand Sanitizer

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## Two Real Coloring Pages

This coloring book is legitimately one of the ugliest I have ever seen. I'm not great at the coloring pages, but even I have standards.

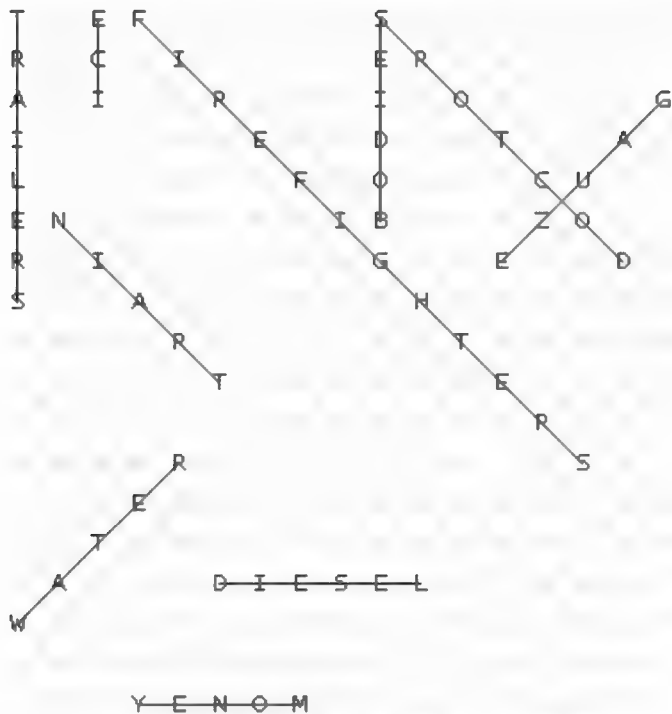
You can find the whole book here, if you really want that:

[www.dhs.gov/archive/employee-resources/publication/dhs-coloring-book](https://www.dhs.gov/archive/employee-resources/publication/dhs-coloring-book)



# Find the Missing Federal Aid

Some people think that FEMA is waiting to round up conservatives and place them in camps. This is not going to happen for two reasons: 1. The government exists to protect conservative interests 2. FEMA is disastrously (ha) bad at their jobs.



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## **No Fly List: Mixups**

Asif Iqbal who got tortured in Guantanamo, T Kennedy the terror suspect, Robert Johnson the bomber, and the singer Cat Stevens (yes really) were supposed to be detained. A fourth James Robinson was on the list to be detained (not the three listed here), and Drew Griffin was subject to additional screening because of his reporting.

The No Fly List is actually maintained by the Terrorist Screening Center, which is part of the FBI. It's in this activity book because there isn't space in the FBI activity book.

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## **Worthy of Trust and Confidence?**

The Secret Service didn't kill JFK. They also didn't actually leak the rejected application, but they did talk about doing it.

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# The TSA

1. This is Canadian Cabinet Minister Navdeep Bains, who was wearing a turban. TSA agents demanded that Bains, a Sikh, remove it and did not relent until presented with his diplomatic passport.
2. This is a trans 15 year old who was told that she would not be allowed through security unless she consented to a full strip search.
3. This is Indigenous activist Tara Houska. An agent pulled her braids and said “giddyup.”
4. This is any number of transmasculine people I know.
5. This is a Muslim woman traveler who was told to remove her hijab and subjected to a public full body pat down when she refused.
6. This is a person who died at the airport before going through security, who was still given a full pat down.

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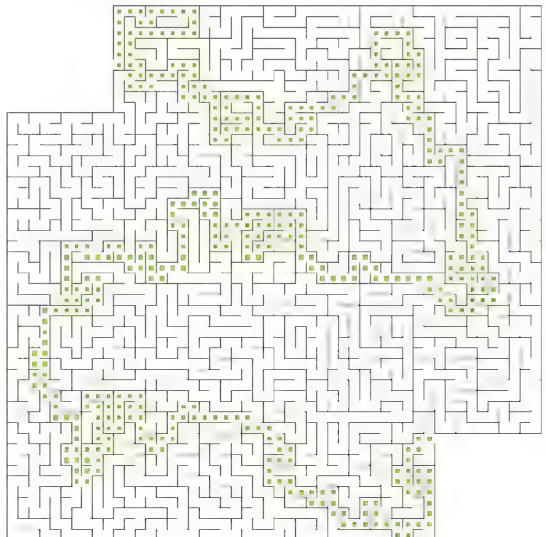
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# Fortify the Border

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Survivors were forced to sign an (illegal) NDA, disciplined for "engaging in lewd acts" and "fraternization" and chided for "displaying poor judgement."

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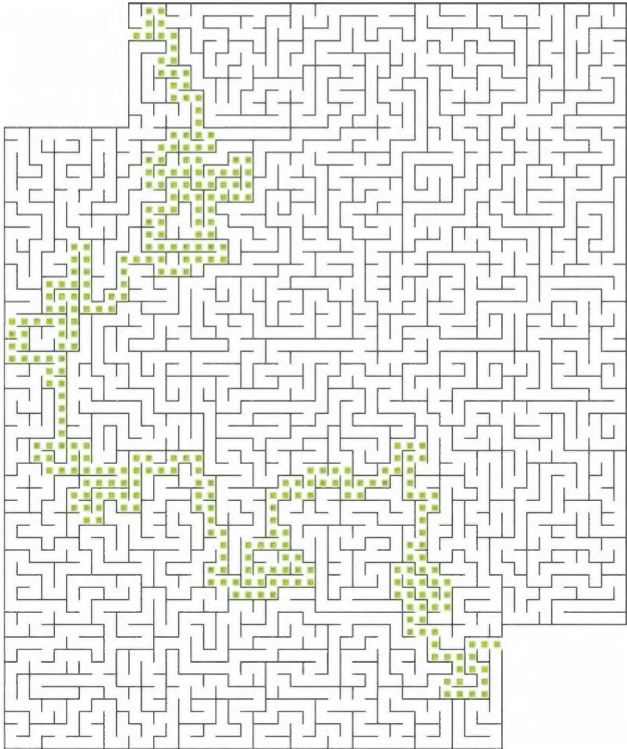
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The government continued to separate children from their parents, even after a court order to stop

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## Web of Intrigue

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## Find the Missing Federal Aid 2

The warehouse had sent all its supplies to aid victims of Hurricane Irma two weeks before, and FEMA hadn't restocked it yet. They were missing most of their water and meals and all of their cots and tarps.

Commodity	Date 9/1	Date 9/15	Change	
Water (L)	718,370	69,300	▼	90%
Meals	250,572	97,632	▼	61%
Cots	4,422	0	▼	100%
Tarps	13,272	0	▼	100%
Roof Sheets	15,344	180	▼	99%

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## Spot the Difference

The justifications are, of course, exactly the same. More than 2.8 million migrants were expelled under Title 42 justifications.

Joe Biden went on to attempt to implement a Trump era policy where migrants could not apply for asylum if they had traveled through another country first, which also violates the international legal process of asylum seeking.

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